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Ruth Chew's 29 classic books for children are gradually being republished by Random House as of 2013. Below are listed the titles that are available in new editions.

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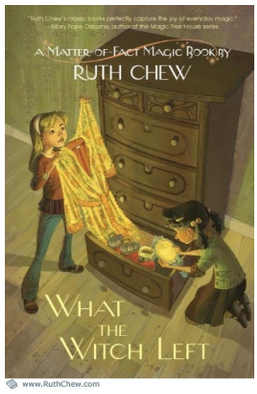

What the Witch Left:
A Matter-of-Fact Magic Book
Release date: August 27, 2013

When Katy and Louise find the key to the locked drawer in Katy's bureau, they aren't impressed by old things belonging to Katy's Aunt Martha. There can't be anything special about the old robe, broken mirror, tin box, or red rubber boots inside, can there? But when Louise dons the robe during the school play and suddenly disappears, Katy and Louise realize that they might just be able to have some grand adventures with the things that Aunt Martha left behind.

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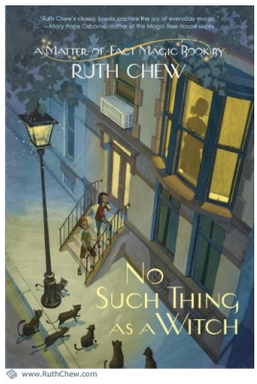

No Such Thing as a Witch:
A Matter-of-Fact Magic Book
Release date: August 27, 2013

Nora Cooper and her brother Tad don't know what to make of their new neighbor Maggie Brown. She loves animals and has lots of them—a cat, a parakeet, a dog, and a large black lizard. The other cats and birds in the neighborhood seem to like Maggie as well. And Maggie makes the most delicious fudge. In fact, her fudge is so good, after one piece it almost seems as if Tad and Nora's father are becoming animal lovers . . . and after several pieces, Nora can even have a conversation with the family dog, Skipper. But what happens when you eat one piece too many?

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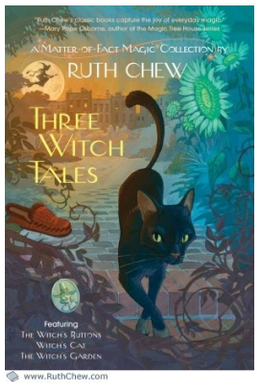

Three Witch Tales:
A Matter-of-Fact Magic Collection
Release date: August 27, 2013

In *Witch's Cat*, *The Witch's Buttons*, and *The Witch's Garden*, children learn lots of things about magic . . . from traveling to the time of knights and ladies, to shrinking to the size of a blade of grass. Magic is fun, but it's also hard, and there always seem to be consequences.

Ruth Chew's children loved stories about witches, and she figured that other children would love them too . . . and they do. Here are three of her best, each full of fanciful fun

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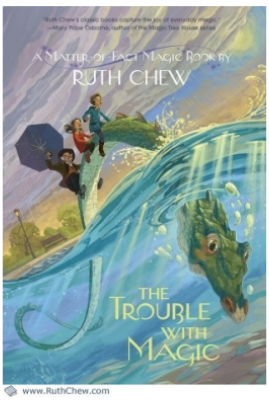

The Trouble with Magic:
A Matter-of-Fact Magic Book
Release date: January 28, 2014

When Barbara and Rick Benton find a wizard named Harrison Peabody in an old bottle, they quickly discover that magic isn't as simple as it looks. But even tricky magic is better than no magic, and soon the Bentons are flying around Prospect Park with a large black umbrella and befriending a sea serpent in the lake. How can they keep Harrison a secret, though, when he's living in their attic?

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Magic in the Park:
A Matter-of-Fact Magic Book
Release date: January 28, 2014

Jen Mace and her new friend Mike Steward learn that magic can happen when you least expect it. And though it is very exciting, it can also be dangerous.

Jen has just moved to Brooklyn. She misses the woods and fields of her old home. But while walking in Prospect Park one day, she meets Mike. Together they are fascinated with the older gentleman who is always surrounded by birds and seems to appear and disappear quite suddenly.

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Three Wishing Tales:
A Matter-of-Fact Magic Collection
Release date: January 28, 2014

In *The Wishing Tree*, *The Magic Coin*, and *The Magic Cave*, magical adventures lie around every corner. From a coin that becomes a boat and a backyard pool that becomes an ocean, to a cave that leads to another land, it's anchors away to fun!

Ruth Chew has a remarkable way of turning the average day into a fantastic voyage. Here are three of her best tales that will capture the imagination of any reader who is willing to take a little risk.

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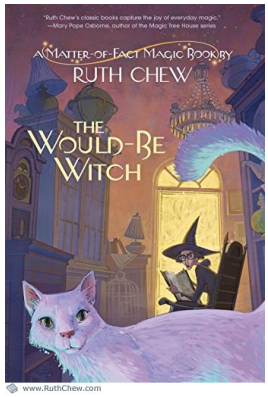

The Would-Be Witch
Release date: September 23, 2014

A little bit of magic can mean big adventure! Andy and Robin are stuck doing chores with an old bottle of silver polish. But when they use it, incredible things happen. The salt and pepper shakers don't get shiny—they turn into birds! The dustpan doesn't clean—it starts flying! And when Andy and Robin tuck the birds' feathers behind their ears, they shrink until they're small enough to fly the dustpan out into the night. Where will their magical ride take them?

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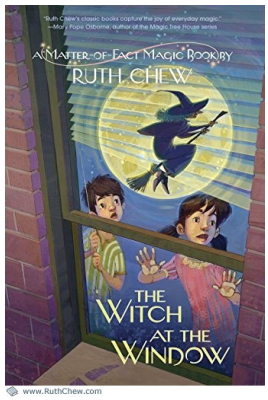

The Witch at the Window
Release date: September 23, 2014

Why did a witch appear at Nick's window? Could it have something to do with a mysterious tree in Prospect Park? Ever since Nick and Marjorie discovered it, strange things have been happening. First, they find an odd spoon with no owner. Then a spooky bird follows them home—and talks to them! It must be the witch's magic! But where has she vanished to? And what is she looking for?

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Three Shrinking Tales:
A Matter-of-Fact Magic Collection by Ruth Chew
Release date: April 28, 2015

This e-collection turns tiny magic into big surprises! In *Do-It-Yourself Magic*, a special "Build Anything" kit makes imagined settings come to life. In *Earthstar Magic*, a slow summer turns upside down when a clumsy witch's spells go awry. And in *Mostly Magic*, enchanted objects lead two siblings and a mysterious cat into a series of miniature adventures.

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Witch's Broom
Release date: August 25, 2015

What if you could fly—just like a witch? One day, Amy's mom finds a broom in her backyard and decides to keep it. But when Mom goes out on errands, Amy and her friend Jean discover that the broom can move—and fly. Now they can go anywhere, even on a nighttime flight around the neighborhood! What adventures will they go on next? And will they ever meet the witch who left her broom behind?

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Three Adventure Tales:
A Matter-of-Fact Magic Collection by Ruth Chew
Release date: October 20, 2015

Travel back in time with three special tales! In *Last Chance for Magic*, Max and Terry make new friends in the forest of the Lenni-lenape people. In *Magic of the Black Mirror*, Will and Amanda are swept away to a land full of new friends and dangerous adventures. In *Summer Magic*, Sarah and Timothy meet settlers of the New World, encounter wild bears, and escape a band of villainous pirates.

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The Wednesday Witch
Release date: August 25, 2015

Read the adventure that started it all—Ruth Chew's very first story! A Wednesday Witch's magic is best on Wednesdays. On that day, she goes looking for trouble! And one Wednesday, Mary Jane hears a knock on her front door. A mysterious old lady with a skinny black cat has come to visit. It must be a witch! But what mischief is she up to?

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Second Hand Magic
Release date: January 26, 2016

Let magic take you up, up, and away! After Paul and Caroline fix a broken kite, it's full of magic! The kite can fly on its own—and even better, it wants to take them on a ride. Now the two kids must hold on tight. . . . Their adventure is about to begin!

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Three Enchantment Tales:
A Matter-of-Fact Magic Collection by Ruth Chew
Release date: January 26, 2016 (???)

Expect the unexpected in this e-collection of funny and thrilling Ruth Chew stories! In *The Enchantment Book*, Serena and Jay travel back to a time of knights, dragons, and dangerous magic! In *The Secret Tree House*, Sam and Margaret find a hidden world inside a mysterious hollow tree. In *The Witch and the Ring*, when two siblings win a ring from an arcade game, it brings a special cat, a witch, and plenty of mischief!

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Witch in the House
Release date: September 13, 2016

How do you keep a witch out of trouble?

A witch is coming to stay with Laura and Sally. But taking care of her won't be easy—this one is more than a little strange! She's a very picky eater (only bones and eggshells will do). She makes BIG messes. And after a spell gone wrong, she is stuck living upside down! Can the kids keep this little witch out of mischief *and* keep her a secret from Mom and Dad?

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